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1. THE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN BURMA RULES OUT ANY SUBSTANTIAL COST-SHARING (RANGOON 0827). HOWEVER THE GUB HAS SHOWN ITSELF INTERESTED AND WILLING TO CO-OPERATE WITH IN-COUNTRY COSTS WHEN A RESIDENT AMERICAN PROFESSOR GOES OUTSIDE OF RANGOON ON AN OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENT FOR THE MINISTRY WHICH IS SPONSORING HIS VISIT.

2. TO DATE SUCH COST SHARING HAS BEEN LIMITED TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH WHICH HAS ABSORBED COSTS IN THREE FOLLOWING INSTANCES:

A. THE ROUNDTRIP AIR TRAVEL AND HOTEL EXPENSES FOR FY-76 GRANTEE, DR. LESLIE C. POWELL, DURING HIS 30 DAY ASSIGNMENT TO MANDALAY HOSPITAL. APPROX. COST. \$803/-

B. ALL TRANSPORTATION AND SOME MEALS PROVIDED FOR DR. LEON ROSEN DURING HIS FOUR DAY JUNE VISIT TO SET UP DENGUE FEVER PROJECT. APPROX. COST. \$107/-

C. MRS. PUALANI KONDON, FY-76 GRANTEE HERE ON DENGUE FEVER PROJECT WAS TAKEN ON 3 DAY UP-COUNTRY TRIP TO MANDALAY AND PAGAN. APPROXIMATE COST: \$110/-

3. NOTE: THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE ABSORBED ALL IN-COUNTRY COSTS FOR THE THREE CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS IT SPONSORED. THERE ARE NO AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS IN BURMA TO UNCLASSIFIED

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